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TITLE: METHOD AND SYSTEM CONSTITUTING A VIRTUAL COLLECTIVE
ENTITY FOR MARKET-EFFICIENT RETAIL PURCHASE OF GOODS
AND SERVICES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The following remarks are made in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the Patent Office on March 9, 2006. Applicant encloses a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extending the deadline for response by three months up to and including July 10, 2006 (because July 9, 2006, is a Sunday). In addition, Applicant encloses a check in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the fee for a three-month extension of time. Applicant believes that no other fees are required. However, please charge attorney's deposit account number 07-1700 for any fees needed for this paper to be entered and considered.

REMARKS

According to the Office Action, the Office has required Applicant, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, to elect an alleged single invention for prosecution on the merits. The alleged inventions are described as **Groups I-V** in the Office Action.

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the claims of **Group I**, namely the subject matter defined by claims **1-29**, for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this restriction requirement as applied to Groups I-IV. All five alleged inventions,